1 Read the following article about Shanghai, a city in China, and complete it with the correct form of the verbs in the box. Use the present simple or present continuous. Use each verb ONCE only.

Shanghai is the largest city in China. In Chinese, the name ‘Shanghai’ 1 ________ ‘above the sea’, and in Europe, people 2 ________ the city the ‘Paris of the East’. Things there 3 ________ all the time nowadays. Around 25 million people 4 ________ in Shanghai, and these days they 5 ________ hard to keep their city a good place to live. Nowadays, more and more businesses 6 ________ in Shanghai because people 7 ________ that there are good opportunities there. The city 8 ________ in popularity as a cultural centre, too. It has a lot to offer tourists, and every year thousands of people 9 ________ it. Shanghai has many wonderful museums, and the Pudong area of the city has lots of modern buildings, like the Jin Mao Tower. Did you know that a famous type of Chinese dress for women, called a cheongsam, 10 ________ from Shanghai?

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2 Match 1–5 to a–e to make complete sentences. There is one ending that you don’t need.

1 People usually take their laptops with them ___
2 My cousins have just called me ___
3 I know my friends will be late ___
4 One thing that really annoys me ___
5 I don’t really enjoy going to the shops ___

a is people leaving their rubbish on public transport.
b so shopping on the internet is very convenient.
c when they go away on business.
d to say I’m going on holiday.
e because they’re never on time for anything.
f to say that they’re on their way.

2 points for each correct answer 10

3 Read the dialogue between a tourist and a local man. Choose the correct answer from the words in italics.

Tourist Excuse me, please could you tell me how to get to the National Museum from here? 1 Is it far? / Is that right?

Man No, not really. 2 It takes about five minutes. / Can you show me on the map?

Tourist Oh, is that all? That’s good.

Man Keep going down this street and 3 you can’t miss it / turn left at the traffic lights.

Tourist OK.

Man Then, 4 go straight past / cross the park and you’ll see the museum on the right.

Tourist So I need to go through the park?

Man No, you don’t. Walk past it and then you’ll see the National Museum. 5 You can’t miss it! / Keep going until you reach it!

Tourist Great! Thanks very much.

Man You’re welcome!

2 points for each correct answer 10
4 Complete the sentences with a compound noun. Choose one word from each box and use each word ONCE only. There are three extra words in each box that you don’t need.

A

parking        newspaper         street
pedestrian     souvenir         market
pavement       flower

B

space         seller         cleaner         stall         place
area         café         performer

1 This is a ____________ ____________, which means it’s for people to walk in. Cars are not allowed here.

2 A Those roses are beautiful! Are they for your girlfriend?
   B Yes, they are! I bought them from the ____________ ____________ near work. He always advises me which ones to get!

3 I get my fruit and vegetables from the ____________ ____________ in town; you can buy them from lots of different people there, and everything’s really fresh.

4 The ____________ ____________ near here has a wide variety of magazines and comics. It’s on the corner of Bridge Street and Forest Road.

5 There’s always something happening in New York. When I visited, I saw an amazing ____________ ____________ playing the violin.

5 Read the following sentences and add the missing words in the correct place.

1 Alex lives in New York and works on a famous street called Fifth Avenue. (he)

2 Zara is Alex’s girlfriend. She’s from Spain, but lives in New York now. (she)

3 Alex and Zara go to the park every day and have their lunch there. (they)

4 They are in the park now and eating some sandwiches. (are)

5 Ever had a picnic in the park in your town? (have you)

6 Now read the following paragraph and decide what the missing words are. Write one or two words in each space.

Central Park

Central Park is one of the most famous parks in New York City. It’s in an area called Manhattan, and ____________ opened in 1857. Around 40 million people visit the park each year, and ____________ enjoy its beautiful trees, plants and flowers. There are also several lakes in the park, but they’re not natural lakes – ____________ all man-made. On a typical day in Central Park, you can see people jogging, cycling and skating. Although ____________ busy, it’s easy to find a quiet place in the park. ____________ ever visited Central Park?

2 points for each correct answer

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7 Read the blog. Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F). If there is no information about this, choose ‘not given’ (NG).

A home in Peru
So there I was in my new country – Peru. I knew I was lucky to have a job, but I was worried because I couldn’t speak Spanish very well. I moved into a nice apartment, which was in the centre of Lima, the capital city. In the beginning, I found everything very exciting. The weather was great and I certainly didn’t miss the rain we had every day in Seattle. The city was lively, and I enjoyed walking around taking photographs and visiting the markets. Everything was new and I loved it!

I had many great times during my years there. Peruvians are people who love to celebrate – it doesn’t matter what the occasion is. Families get together at every opportunity to eat, talk, drink and laugh, and I was invited into many homes. Travel is cheap and if you travel from region to region, you soon understand just what a variety of history, people and nature there is in the country. Seeing the Amazon rainforest was a really unforgettable experience for me.

Living in Peru has taught me a lot about my attitude to life. I used to be a worrier. I always needed to have a plan and a list. I was always the person who needed to get the job finished. But seeing how other people live has made me think again about what’s really important in life. I care less about buying things now – smartphones, expensive clothes and so on. What I do care about is making beautiful memories for tomorrow.

1 The writer was unemployed when he moved to Lima. _____
2 The writer enjoyed taking photos of the city’s markets. _____
3 The writer says that Peruvian family members have good relationships with each other. _____
4 The writer is unlikely to forget his visit to the Amazon rainforest. _____
5 The writer changed a lot during his first year in Peru. _____

2 points for each correct answer

8 Choose the correct answer from the words in italics.

1 The smartphone is an invention who / that has made people's lives easier than before.
2 My English teacher is a person which / who really encourages me to work hard.
3 The room which / where I study is always cool in the summer.
4 A cassette recorder is something which / where you don’t see very often these days.
5 The children which / that live in my apartment block are very polite.
6 The woman who / which found my wallet gave it to the police.
7 We visited one town that / where most of the buildings were new.
8 The map that / where we had was very easy to use.
9 I think the food which / who we ate last night was Mexican.
10 Nelson Mandela was one of the greatest men that / which ever lived.

1 point for each correct answer
9 Complete the email. Use only one word in each space.

Hi Gita

I’m sorry I can’t meet you at the station tomorrow, but don’t worry – it’s easy to get to my house there. When you come out of the station, left and walk past the car park. On the left, you’ll see a stall sells newspapers. Go straight past it, and keep going you reach the traffic lights. Then, cross the street. I live at number the building with the red door. My apartment’s on the second floor. I can’t wait to see you!

Anya

2 points for each correct answer

10 Read the following sentences and choose the best option to complete each one.

1 Oh no! I’ve dropped the sugar. Can you pass me the, please?
a chest of drawers  b dustpan and brush  c dishwasher

2 We bought a new for the living room floor.
a cloth  b duvet  c rug

3 There wasn’t much furniture in the bedroom – just a and a bed.
a wardrobe  b sheet  c candle

4 A is one thing I couldn’t live without. It saves me a lot of time!
a cooker  b microwave oven  c pan

5 The in my bathroom is broken and there’s water everywhere.
a mirror  b towel  c tap

2 points for each correct answer

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